Import of foreign technology for the Telecommunication sector

703. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a highlevel departmental study has been ordered into various aspects of import of foreign technology for the telecnmmunication sector, and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Work on Ramagundam-Salem-Trichur Transmission Line

704. SHRI T. R. BALU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) how much funds were allocated for the Ramagundam-Salem-Trichur 110 kv transmission line during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) how much funds have been utilised so far;

(c) what is the progress of the erection work; and

(d) by when this line will be completed as per the present schedule?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (d) The Ramagundam-Salem Section of the line is being constructed by the National Thermal Power Corporation and Salem-Trichur Section by Neyveli Lignite Corporation. The year-wise funds allocated for these lines and the expenditure incurred upto January, 1988 is given below:—

(Rs. in crores)

Section of the line	Funds allocated 1985-86	86-87	87-88	Expenditure incurred upto 31-1-1988
Ramagundam-Salem	23.91	7 66	11.53	135 64
Salem-Trichur	—	2.19	2.95	1.86

The Ramagundam-Bangalore sections of the line have been commissioned. The Bangalore-Salem Section is scheduled for commissioning in 1988-89 and the Salem-Trichur Section in 1990-91.

Resignation of the Chairman of National Hydro Electric Power Corporation

705. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHWAHA:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chairman of the National Hydro-electric Power Corporation has resigned; and

(b) if so, what are the circumstances leading to his resignation stating its likely impact on the functioning of the Corporation and the steps contemplated by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (d) The Chairman and Managing Director of the National Hydro-electric Power Corporation has sought voluntary retirement on personal grounds. His request is being processed. Government does not